



SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901



CHRIST'S LESSON.

"Was love that wrought Christ's mission
Upon this world of ours;
He never led the people
By military powers.
He never wrote a book or
Fire churches built with gold,
And He never sought with money
To lead men to His fold.

Sweet nature was His temple—
Her works would all combine
To illustrate His teaching.
And thus the world's redemption
He sought to lead men only
By everlasting love.
And by His blessed power,
To lead their souls above.

Then why do we professing
To follow in His name,
Not follow His example,
And try to do the same?
Let Love, Christ's guide us,
To lead our souls to God—
No better paths will ever
Be found than Jesus trod.
—Martha Shepard Lippincott, in Boston Budget.

CRITICISING OTHERS.

One of Two Serious Defects of Character Generally Revealed in Those Who Find Fault.

To criticize others is one of the commonest of faults. We are apt to attribute it to mere ill-nature, and sometimes it is due to this. But it often has another cause, lying farther back. It is due quite as much to the spirit of self-exaltation as to an unkind disposition to deny. We like to show that we know what is right, that we have a high standard which others have failed to equal. Criticism of their failures is involved in our assertion of our own superiority, but the primary sin on our part is pride quite as often as simple ill-nature, nor does this fact make our sin any the less.

To make the best of others; to see in them, whenever possible, a good purpose, whatever failure of performance there may have been; to realize and insist upon their good qualities, whatever their defects—this is to win their respect and affection, to encourage them to overcome their weaknesses, and to help all who know them to do their justice more willingly. It is to radiate moral sunshine and cheer. Nothing so discourages anyone as to feel his honest efforts are misunderstood and belittled. It embitters all but the most sturdy and serene natures. But he who feels that Jesus to believe in him, be helpful for him and encourage him, in a word, to make the best of him, not only is grateful to us but is served to renewed effort for himself.

This is why the downcast and discouraged gave such ready heed to our Lord. He did not repel them. Sometimes He rebuked them when they deserved it, but never so as to humiliate and wound. They felt that He did them justice, was ready to make due allowance in every case, had faith in their better natures and was eager to inspire them with new self-respect, courage and confidence. This, also, is why some people, possessing no special ability or opportunity, win such general confidence and love and such a wide and noble influence. They try to see only what is best in others and to encourage and develop it, and people whom no one else has succeeded in benefiting respond to their appeals as naturally and fruitfully as the flowers unfold in the sunshine.—Boston Congregationalist.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

He cannot be brave who does not fear to do wrong.—Ran's Horn.

The question is not, Who is my neighbor? but, Am I neighborly?—William Arnot.

The Kingdom of God comes not with observation—but it comes.—Congregationalist.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues.—Bishop Hall.

Patience is the ballast of the soul, that will keep it from rolling and tumbling in the greatest storm.—Bishop Hopkins.

The highway of holiness is along the commonest road of life along your very way. In wind and rain, no matter how it beats, it is only going hand in hand with Him.—Mark Guy Pearse.

We can live so nobly, not in despite of the great sorrows and bereavements, but because of them, that our life shall be a Gospel, though we can never write or frame one with our lips.—Robert Collyer.

Look into these details of daily duty—these difficulties, these self-denials—and you will find that every one of these lesser crosses, if faithfully "endured," faithfully taken up and carried, not only helps to bring the crown of life, but itself changes insensibly from a cross to a crown.—Brooke Herford.

Not an Independent Man.
Many a man who is counted strong by his fellows, and who would scorn the idea that he is anybody's slave, is utterly unable to control himself. He who cannot or who does not, keep himself and his passions under mastery, is not to be deemed a well-balanced or an independent man. In deciding the question as to what mere man's slave we are, we may not have to look even as far as the east door.—S. S. Times.

CIGARETTES AND SITUATIONS.

General Movement Throughout the Country Against Employing Those Addicted to Their Use.

That cigarettes are deadly poisons is an absolute scientific fact. A physician made a solution of all the nicotine from one cigarette; one-half of it was injected into a full-grown frog, from the effects of which the frog died almost instantly; the other half was used upon another frog with the same result. The poison of the cigarette is as deadly to the human being as to the frog, but slower in its work. Diseases resulting from its use are well known to physicians. The same physician who experimented upon the frogs says that just as the cigarette pictures which accompany cigarette packages, each ought to bear a skull and crossbones and be marked "deadly poison," the same as other poisonous drugs.

Since Chief Moore issued his order a number of Chicago business houses have pursued the same course. The board of education does not permit cigarette smoking in its office; Montgomery Ward & Co. will not employ boys addicted to the use of cigarettes; bi-monthly lectures on the evils of cigarette smoking are provided by Marshall Field & Co. for the benefit of their employees; the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company has notified its employees that they must abandon cigarettes or forfeit their positions; several establishments have opened their doors to lecturers connected with the Anti-Cigarette league. The United States supreme court has declared the Chicago anti-cigarette law valid. Arkansas has an anti-cigarette bill which makes the sale or giving away of cigarettes to any person under any circumstances a misdemeanor, punishable by fine. That the civil service commission of New York city purposes to rid itself of "several" hundred juvenile cigarette fiends, and substitute "office girls" is another straw that shows which way the wind blows.

The Anti-Cigarette league, with headquarters in the Woman's Temple, Chicago, is vigorously waging war against the cigarette. It is after the boys, and to further its work publishes a bright little paper entitled "The Boy." School teachers are loud in their denunciations of the cigarette; their positions enable them to observe its effects, and they have noted its viciousness. Men are assisting the league in its work and have secured from boys under their care pledges that they will not smoke cigarettes before they are of age. Antagonism to the cigarette is constantly increasing in force, and it is to be hoped that the earth will not have passed many milestones in the new century before the deadly "cotton wool" is relegated to obscurity.—Young People.

A FOOD OR A POISON?

Alcohol Cannot Play a Noble Role—Tears Down But Does Not Build Up Tissue.

Kassowitz maintains that it is not so much a question as to whether alcohol is toxic or nutritive, for it can hardly be denied that it is an active poison capable of causing the death of any animal or vegetable protoplasm with which it comes in contact, but rather as to whether in spite of its injurious properties it can still be of value to the organism and serve to sustain it. A food stuff to be classed as such must not only be capable of supplying the organism with energy to be dissipated as heat and in the performance of work, but must also under proper conditions enter into the bodily structure and replace tissue that has become worn out. Recent investigation has shown clearly enough that alcohol is easily and abundantly oxidizable in the human body, but the mere proof that a substance is consumed in this way does not entitle it to rank as a food, and still less can this supposition be entertained if in addition it at the same time causes decomposition and destruction of living protoplasm. That alcohol does this is not to be doubted in view of the present knowledge of metabolic processes, and this granted, it is evident that a substance capable of destroying body tissue cannot also at the same time serve to build it up and replace damaged parts. Therefore the position that alcohol may play the double role of food and poison is untenable, and the sooner it is dropped from the list of drugs for internal administration the better it will be for physician and patient.—Medical Record.

What a Bottle of Whisky Did.
A South Australian paper made the following comment on the receipt of a little gift from an admirer of the journal:

"A present in the shape of a bottle of fine old Scotch whisky was kindly sent to the office at two p. m. on Thursday. Ten minutes past that hour not a dram of the liquor remained; ten seconds later the office boy had sold the bottle at the rag and bone shop next door. At 3:30 three men were charged with being drunk and disorderly."

"The editor of this paper returns thanks for the handsome gift, and will be obliged if the donor of the whisky would send along 72s., a policeman's helmet, a new office boy, four panes of glass, a new street door knocker, and—no more whisky!"

Not a Helper.
Alcohol is not only not a helper of work, but it is a certain hinderer of work; and every man who comes to the front of a profession in London is marked by this "fine characteristic" that the more busy he gets the less alcohol he takes; and his excuse is "I am very sorry, but I cannot take it and do my work."—The Late Sir Andrew Clark, M. D., Physician to the Queen.

Evil Habits.
Evil habits grow rapidly. Sin speedily gets such a momentum that it is almost impossible for a young man to stop.—Rev. Dr. Vossburg.

A Hopeless Case.
Penelope—Does Peggy talk in her sleep?
Patrice—Worse than that; she sings!—Yonkers Statesman.

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